

PERSONAL RECORD QUESTIONNAIRE

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PART I - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

- Instruction: 1. Write clearly.
2. Answer all questions completely. If question does not apply, write "not applicable"
3. Attach blank pages if additional space is needed.

1. Full Name Vidvuds SVEICS
First Middle Last
2. Name in native script Vidvuds Šveics
3. Name at birth (if different from 1.) not applicable
4. Aliases, nicknames, legal changes (State briefly time, reason and place of use.) VIDIS (nickname by friends & relatives); VALTERS (alias by V.Tepfers & the latter's group, i.e. LCP); Valters RIEKSTINS (alias used in 1944/45 in Kurzeme; faked passport in this name then); Valdemars JANSONS (alias while in Sweden in 1948/49; fabricated documents by the Swedes in this name)
5. a. Date of birth 1920 (or 1919) b. Place of birth presumably Riga
6. Present citizenship, race if appropriate Soviet
7. Nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities (if different from 6.) Latvian
8. Present residence (Owner, tenant, sub-tenant.) allegedly in Riga at Padomju Boulevard 19, Apt. 4 (above café-restaurant "Luna"); tenant or sub-tenant since ab. 1946 (formerly apartment of Mrs. Jurgensons Dora)
9. Permanent address (if different from 8.) until Oct. 1944 - Riga, Blaumaņa St. 26, Apt. 23 (house owned by his father).
10. Present occupation (full title, salary etc.) allegedly employed as engineer at "Degviela" though still studying engineering; estimated salary - ab. 1500 r.
11. Naturalization of subject or of close relatives in the United States.
(Give date and name in which certificate granted.) possibly his uncle (father's brother), ŠVEICS Erasts - see 12.
12. Relatives, friends, correspondents in United States. (Explain relationship) ŠVEICS Erasts - uncle; 964 E. 15th St., Apt. 6 D, Brooklyn, N.Y.
b) ERNSTSONS Edgars - close friend until 1944; 4520 Edgewood Pl., Los Angeles 19, Calif.
c) LIEPA Gunars - class-mate; met subject often in Lianāja in spring 1945; 520 Audubon Ave., Apt. 48, N.Y.C.; phone WAdswth 8-8164;
d) Mrs. VINIK Maiga - former girl-friend of many years (until 1941); 1276 Arbor Ave., Highland Park, Ill.

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13. Father - full name, occupation, present residence, year and place

of birth, nationality at birth and subsequent nationalities.

ŠVEICS Ādolfs - formerly house-owner in Riga and manager at the Salomonsky Circus in Riga; deported to USSR from Riga during the mass action in 13/14 June, 1941 (according to subject, deceased during WW II in forced labor camp at Solikamsk - around 1943); born 28 Dec., 1890; Russian (Tzar), later Latvian.

14. Mother - same information as 13.

ŠVEICS Milda - housewife; deported together with husband and son Tālivaldis (and ŠVEICS Matilde, born 1865 - presumably her mother i.l.) from Riga to USSR during the mass action in 13/14 June, 1941 (according to subject, died in the hands of her youngest son in Siberia of famine around 1943); born 16 May, 1890; Russian (Tzar), later Latvian.

15. Wife (or husband) - full name, maiden name, date and place of birth,

date and place of marriage, nationality at birth and any subsequent

nationalities, present residence, divorce, annulment. (Give data

for all previous marriages.)

ŠVEICS Alise, nee BERGMANIS; born ab. 1921; got married in the summer or fall of 1941 in Riga; Latvian; address - see 8.

16. Children - full names, sex, year and place of birth, nationality

at birth and any subsequent nationalities, present residence.

ŠVEICS Aivars - male; born ab. 1942 in Riga; Latvian, now Soviet; address - see 8;

ŠVEICS Dagmāra - female; born ab. 1947 in Riga; Soviet; address - see 8.

17. Brothers and sisters - Same information as 16.

ŠVEICS Tālivaldis - brother; born 1922; Latvian, now Soviet; address unknown - somewhere in Riga.

JĒKABSONE Liliņa - foster-sister; born ab. 1924; Latvian, now Soviet; address in 1948 - Riga, Struktoru St. 2 or 3; since 1954 (according to subject's letter of 16 Aug. '54) at Fr.Engelsa (former Stabu) St.96, Apt.19, in Riga.

18. Relatives in service of any government, names and positions held.
unknown

19. List all official identity papers held with dates, numbers, place of issue
and duration of validity.
unknown

20. Religion - degree practiced, membership in religious orders
Lutheran - probably not practiced now.

21. Present and past political affiliations

Presumably a fellow-traveler of the Communists now. Formerly very patriotic
but not connected with any political organization. Admired the political activities
of VALDMANIS Alfreds, former Minister of Finance of Latvia. Despised the old
Latvian politicians in exile in 1948/49.

22. Travel outside country of present residence - country, dates,
purpose, people and firms visited
Sweden in 1948/49 (from ab.Nov.'48 to April'49)

23. Education - school, location, course, degree, dates

Elementary school (presumably the 8th Municipal on Aizsargu Street) in Riga
until 1933; 2nd Municipal Gymnasium of Riga on Valdemara St.1 1933-38; then
studies in construction engineering at the Univ.of Latvia, interrupted by
military service at the Latvian Army, later in Latvian Legion; now studies alleged-
ly resumed.

24. Languages and dialects (Indicate proficiency as good, fair, poor.)
beside Latvian.

Language German Speak poor Read fair Understand fair

Language Russian Speak good Read good Understand good

Language English Speak poor Read fair Understand poor

25. Military service - dates, country, unit, rank, duty, where

services performed, decorations, when discharged, why. Give

details if ever prisoner of war

Basic military service in Latvian Army at the Technical Division, Auto-Tank Regiment either from spring 1939 or the fall of said year (18 month; subject went voluntarily to serve it in order to have uninterrupted studies afterwards) At the beginning of 1941, when the Latvian units were already under Soviet control, subject was sentenced to serve several month with some Soviet disciplinary unit due to some minor offense (late return from furlough)**. In spring 1943 drafted into Latvian Legion, assigned to HQs of Inspector General. In summer 1944 (on request by German Frontaufklarungstrupp 212) temporarily assigned to HQs of Anti-Bolshevik Partisans; deserted it in Nov. '44; got arrested by the Germans around Jan. '45; released after a couple of month and assigned to some reserve unit of Latvian Legion in the rank of M/Sergeant.

26. Present and past membership in organizations (professional, social,

political, etc.) Latvian Boy Scout Organization, some unit in Riga - while at elementary and secondary school; member of "Mazpulki" (4-H Club) while at secondary school; member of student fraternity "Talavia" since the fall of 1938 (was admitted together with ERNSTSONS Edgars - see 12 b).

27. Special skills, abilities, hobbies (radio, photography, etc.)

automobile driving and repair; W/T (trained while in Sweden in 1948/49); S/W (do.); swimming; basketball; drawing.

28. Financial status - earnings, bank deposits, securities, property

Allegedly relatively well off (owns a car).

29. Employment history - type of work, salary, dates, employers, ad-

resses, reasons for leaving. Include employment by any government.

Started to work during the German occupation in 1941 or 1942 at the Auto Inspection in Riga (co-worker there: LEIMANIS Juris, now in Stockholm, Sweden); arrested by the Germans due to blackmarketing in 1942 (spent some month at the Terminal Prison in Riga). -At the end of April, 1945, or May, assigned to the planned Provisional Government (Latvian) in Kurzeme as an officer of special duties (sevišķu uzdevumu ierēdnis - in Latv.) - for intelligence matters (his superior, Capt.UJERTS - now in Great Britain). After WW II allegedly working unofficially as draftsman (under APSĪTIS Andrejs, in fact instructing and assisting him). Now working as an engineer at the "Degviela" (presumably earning 1200-1500 rubles a month).

29. (Continued)

30. Has subject done any writing? Give details including titles of books, articles, publishers, dates.
Unknown

31. List persons living at same address, close associates, (individuals or groups,) correspondents at home and abroad.

At his apartment (presumably) - his wife, two children. Probably the parents of his wife, the BERGMANIS, too.

Corresponding (under cover) with:

Gen.TEPFERS Verner in Stockholm, Sweden;

LŪKINS Janis " " " (indirectly - through Dr.BERGMANIS
Harijs - subject's brother i.l.)

32. List five character references.

- a. ŠVEICS Erasts - his uncle (see 12a);
- b. Mrs.VINIK Maiga - see 12d;
- c. ERNSTSONS Edgars - see 12b;
- ** d. ZEGNERS Janis - CO at the 8361 US Labor Service Co., Kaiserslautern, Germany
(was together with subject at the disciplinary unit, later both escaped
and served at the HQs of Inspector General of Latvian Legion);
- e. LIEPA Gunars - see 12c.

33. Court record - court, date, arrests, charges, punishments, sentences, acquittals, denazification, etc.

Military disciplinary court of the Red Army in 1941 - tried for being AWOL (few hours late from furlough), sentenced to several (six 10 month at some disciplinary unit; arrested and sentenced to some month in jail in 1942 for blackmarketing; arrested and court-martialed in 1945 as AWOL - spent couple month at prison in Liepaja.

34. Description (Use American standards of measurement, if possible.)

Age <u>38</u>	Posture <u>erect</u>
Apparent age <u>40</u>	Weight <u>ab. 165 lbs</u>
Height <u>ab. 6'</u>	Teeth <u>poor condition</u>
Eyes <u>blue</u>	Hair <u>blond</u>
Face - shape <u>long</u>	Scars <u>unknown</u>
Complexion <u>fair</u>	Build <u>medium</u>
Sex <u>male</u>	
General appearance <u>athletic type, military bearing</u>	
Prominent features <u>thick lips</u>	
Other identifying features <u>unknown</u>	

35. Other miscellaneous biographical data and comments.

*The book "These Names Accuse" lists subject's brother as born on 2 May, 1919 - this apparently is an error since this brother was 3-4 years younger than subject. Presumably the birth dates here have been mixed up, i.e. subject's date of birth should be the a/m 2 May, 1919, but his of his brother - either 1922 or 1923.

His brother i.l., BERGMANIS Harijs, attended the 2nd Munic. Gymnasium of Riga, graduating from it around 1940; afterwards studying medicine at the Univ. of Latvia; resumed his studies after WW II in Riga. Around 1947 Dr. H. BERGMANIS was already working as a physician (according to subject - one summer at the resort of Ķemeri but in 1948 at Viesīte in Zemgale; now - according to LŪKINS Jānis - Dr. H.B. is working presumably in Riga in some higher post. - Father i.l. of subject, BERGMANIS, fnu, was employed in free Latvia at the Customs House in Riga (he or his wife is of Russian origin). Subject's wife - according to subject, as told in 1948/49 - was working in 1948 as a cashier at some barbershop in Riga and participated at volleyball contests being a member of the team of the Univ. of Latvia (mentioned several times in "Cips" as such - the last time around 1953).